

February 26, 2008

Mr. Daniel C. Smith
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY
ADMINISTRATION
Attn: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Mr. Smith:

On August 23, 2007, Honda Motor Co., Ltd. (HMC) determined that a potential defect relating to motor vehicle safety existed in the rear wheel bearings of certain 2006-2007 model year Honda Civic automobiles manufactured at Honda Canada Manufacturing, Inc. (HCM), and furnished notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reports. A recall (07V-399) was implemented within a month.

On February 19, 2008, HMC determined that the VIN range for recall 07V-399 should be expanded to include certain 2006-07 model year Honda of America Manufacturing, Inc. (HAM) produced Civic vehicles and is furnishing notification to NHTSA in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reports. The replacement part for the vehicles in the expanded VIN range uses the same part as the initial recall.

573.6(c)(1)

Name of manufacturer: Honda of America Manufacturing, Inc. (HAM)

Manufacturer's agent: William R. Willen
American Honda Motor Co., Inc. (AHM)
1919 Torrance Blvd.
Torrance, CA 90501-2746

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Identification of potentially affected vehicles:

<u>Make/Model</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>VIN Range/Dates of Manufacture</u>
Honda Civic Sedan	Certain 2006 model year	1HGFA16876L000001~1HGFA16566L154107 June 6, 2005 – September 5, 2006
Honda Civic GX (CNG)	Certain 2006 model year	1HGFA46546L000027~1HGFA46516L000356 June 3, 2006 – September 1, 2006
Honda Civic Sedan	Certain 2007 model year	1HGFA16857L000001~1HGFA16597L107641 August 29, 2006 – May 1, 2007
Honda Civic GX (CNG)	Certain 2007 model year	1HGFA46587L000002~1HGFA46577L000721 September 26, 2006 – April 25, 2007

Description of the basis for the determination of the recall population:

The recall population was based on manufacturing records. The VIN range reflects all possible vehicles that could potentially experience the problem.

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Total number of potentially affected vehicles: approx. 260,000

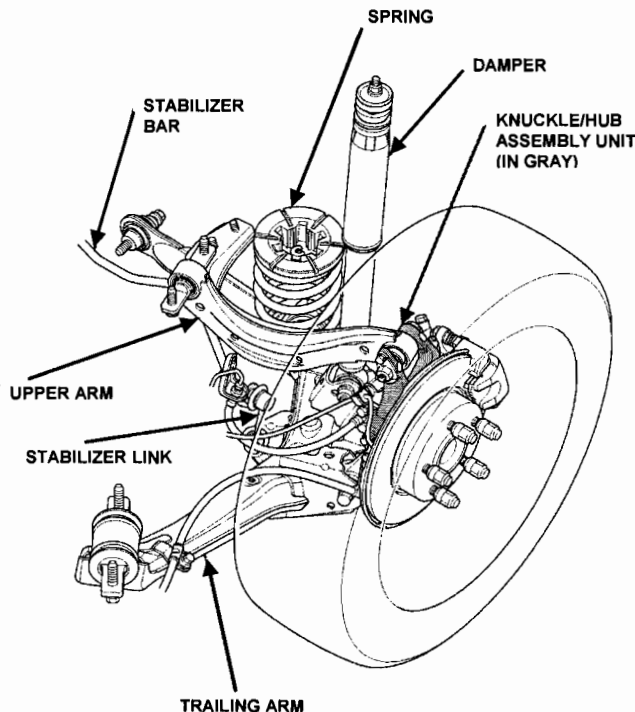
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Percentage of affected vehicles that contain the defect: unknown

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Defect description:

The left and right rear wheel hub assemblies are each attached to a left or right knuckle/hub assembly by a wheel bearing. Both the left and right knuckle/hub assemblies include an ABS wheel speed sensor. The wheel speed sensor housing uses an O-ring seal to prevent leakage to or from the wheel bearing. If assembled improperly, the O-ring may not seal properly, allowing water to enter the wheel bearing and eventually cause damage to the bearing, especially in areas where use of road salt is prevalent. If a customer continues to drive with this condition it is possible for the wheel bearing to become loose, which could cause the bearing to overheat. If not corrected this could cause a wheel to fall off of the vehicle, potentially resulting in a crash.



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Chronology:

Aug. 23, 2007	HMC determined that a safety-related defect existed and initiated recall campaign for HCM produced vehicles (07V-399).
Jan. 4, 2008	HAM received a report for wheel separation and initiated an investigation.
Feb. 19, 2008	HAM completed the investigation and HMC determined that a safety-related defect exists in HAM produced vehicles. VIN range for recall 07V-399 will be expanded.

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Program for remedying the defect:

Owners of all affected vehicles will be contacted by mail and asked to take their vehicle to a Honda automobile dealer. The dealer will inspect rear ABS sensors and wheel bearings. If necessary, damaged parts will be replaced free of charge.

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The estimated date to e-mail preliminary notification to dealers: TBD

The estimated date to provide service bulletin to dealers: TBD

The estimated date to begin sending notifications to owners: TBD

The estimated date of completion of the notification: TBD

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Representative copies of all notices, bulletins and other communications:

A copy of the dealer service bulletin and text of the final customer notification letter will be submitted to your office as soon as possible.

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Proposed owner notification letter submission:

A draft of the owner notification letter will be submitted to your office as soon as possible.

573.6(c)(11)

Manufacturer's campaign number:

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Sincerely,

AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR CO., INC.

 on behalf of

William R. Willen
Managing Counsel
Product Regulatory Office

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